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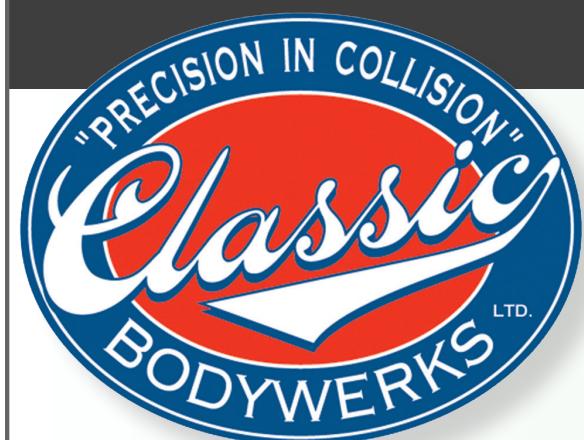


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Welcome to the Astoria Regatta

Dear Residents of Clatsop County and Esteemed Visitors,

On behalf of the entire Astoria Regatta team, I extend a heartfelt welcome to each of you. As the 2024 Astoria Regatta President, I am honored to be part of this vibrant community celebration, and I am thrilled to share the excitement of our upcoming events with you.

Our Regatta would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, court, board members and staff. Their tireless efforts have transformed mere ideas into a spectacular reality.

To our sponsors, we express our deepest gratitude for their unwavering support. Their commitment ensures that the Regatta remains a cherished tradition for generations to come. I would also like to thank our dignitaries; Astoria Regatta Admiral Charlene Larsen, Admiral's Aide Constance Waisanen, and Grand Marshal Sheriff Matt Phillips for their long-standing dedication to our community.

Astoria is more than just a place, it is a community — a tapestry woven with threads of resilience, creativity and camaraderie. As we gather along the Columbia River, we celebrate not only our maritime heritage but also the bonds that tie us together. Whether you're a lifelong resident or a first-time visitor, you are an essential part of this vibrant fabric.

This year's theme, "Ready or Knot, Let's Regatta" invites us to embrace the twists and turns of life with enthusiasm. Just as sailors secure their knots before setting sail, we too prepare for the adventures ahead. From the thrilling boat races to the lively parades, every event reflects our readiness to create lasting memories together.

Join us at the historic Liberty Theatre as we thank 2023 Regatta Queen Jasmine Schermerhorn for her leadership and year of service, coronate the new queen, and officially kick off the festivities. The air will be filled with anticipation and the promise of unforgettable moments.

We will have riverfront demonstrations and the Highwater Boat Parade highlighting our maritime history, and the chance to explore handcrafted treasures, from sea-inspired jewelry to locally made souvenirs.

Our community's creativity knows no bounds at the supporting businesses and during Regatta Square.

Enjoy the children's parade — little captains, sea monsters, princesses and pirates will march proudly, their imaginations unfurling like sails catching the wind. There is something for everyone during the Astoria Regatta.

In the Swim Across The Columbia, after 90 years, the excitement is back. While it's been nearly a century since an organized open water swim took place near the Astoria Bridge, the lore that swimming the Columbia River is impossible is just that — a myth.

In the Stay Dry Swim, no training is needed, just enthusiasm. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind event. Let's come together, celebrate and make a splash — without getting wet.

I invite each of you to participate wholeheartedly. Whether you're savoring a scoop of gelato or a sweet piece of saltwater taffy, capturing breathtaking scenes with your camera, or simply sharing laughter with friends, know that you belong here.

The Astoria Regatta is your celebration — a time to weave memories, strengthen bonds, and revel in the joy of being part of something extraordinary.

Thank you for being part of our maritime family. Let's hoist our spirits, tie our knots and set sail into the 2024 Astoria Regatta with open hearts and eager smiles.

Fair winds and warm welcomes.

Michelle Murray
2024 Astoria Regatta President

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Michelle Murray with her granddaughter, Millie Lou



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8.7.24 : Queen's Coronation : Liberty Theater @ 700PM

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8.8.24 : Warrenton Kids Night & Movie (Inside Out @ Dusk)

Warrenton City Park @ 530PM Sponsored by Spruce Up
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8.9.24 : Scholarship Luncheon : Pacifick Distillery@ 1200PM

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8.9.24 : Seamen's Memorial Service : Seamen's Memorial @ 300PM Sponsored by Umpqua Bank

8.9.24 : Admirals Reception : Barbey Maritime Center @ 600PM

Sponsored by Warrenton Fiber & Nygaard Logging, Clatsop Distributing & Van Dusen Beverages

8.10.24 : Annual Rose Planting : Flavel House @ 900AM

Sponsored by Pacific Power & The Portland Royal Rosarians

8.10.24 : Regatta Square Party : Downtown Astoria @ 1100AM

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8.10.24 : Grand Land Parade : Downtown Astoria @ 1200PM

Sponsored by Worldmark

8.10.24 : U.S. Coast Guard Search & Rescue Demonstration :

17th Street Pier @ 300PM Presented by U.S. Coast Guard

8.10.24 : Highwater Boat Parade : Columbia River @ 500PM

Sponsored by Englund Marine & Skanska

8.11.24 : The Swim Across The Columbia, Stay Dry Swim &

Regatta Closing Ceremony : Barbey Maritime Center @ 930AM Sponsored by Pelican Brewery & Columbia River Maritime Museum

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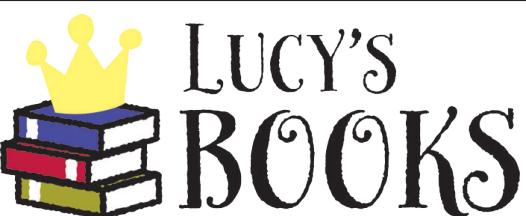
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EVENT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Past Queen's Farewell

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Liberty Theatre McTavish Room

Join us in honor of 2023 Queen Jasmine Schermerhorn to celebrate her service over the past year.

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Regatta Queen's Coronation

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Liberty Theatre McTavish Room

Kick off the Regatta Festival with our annual coronation ceremony. The Regatta Court will give their speeches one final time before we crown the new Regatta Queen and open the festival. Sponsored by Lum's Toyota

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Warrenton Family Fun Night

5 - 9:30 p.m. Warrenton City Park

With hot dogs, picnic games and face painting. A kiddie parade will take place at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Warrenton. We'll cap the night off with the movie "Inside Out" starting at dusk. Bring your blankets and low chairs. Sponsored by Spruce Up Warrenton

Thursday Night Sailboat Races

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Astoria Waterfront

Boat races featuring the Astoria Yacht Club. Astoria's sailing fleet races on the Columbia River.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

ScholarSHIP Luncheon

Noon - 1 p.m.

This invitation-only luncheon is a chance for all past Regatta dignitaries and donors to celebrate the festival together.

Seamen's Memorial

3 - 4 p.m. Maritime Memorial Park

Join us for a solemn moment as we honor those who ply their trade on the water. We recognize the U.S. Coast Guard, Navy, commercial fishermen, river and bar pilots, as well as others involved in maritime industries.

Friday Night Sailboat Races

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Astoria Waterfront

Boat races featuring the Astoria Yacht Club. Astoria's sailing fleet races on the Columbia River.

Admiral's Reception

6 - 9 p.m. Barbey Maritime Center

Raise a glass with the Regatta Association as we celebrate our Admiral Charlene Larsen and Admiral's Aide, Constance Waisanen. This annual party is always a good time, filled with locally catered appetizers and drinks. Entry is \$20 at the door, or \$10 with a 2024 Regatta pin.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Rose Planting Ceremony

9 - 10 a.m. Flavel House Museum

A longtime tradition in cooperation with the Royal Rosarians of Portland, the Rose Planting honors the Queen and Admiral with new additions to the Flavel House garden.

Sailboat Open House

10 - 11 a.m. 17th Street Pier

Assuage your curiosity and peek inside some of Astoria's private sailboats, hosted by members of the Astoria Yacht Club. Find the Sailboat Open House at the end of the 17th Street Pier, near the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Astoria Regatta Fun Run

11 a.m. - Noon

his 1-mile run along the Grand Land Parade route in downtown Astoria is a great way to get your steps in before enjoying the parade. Register on the day of the event at 16th and Exchange streets in Astoria at 11 a.m.

Sponsored by Funky Bear CrossFit

Regatta Square

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Stay busy while you wait for the Grand Land Parade to begin. In the heart of downtown, you will find food options, live music, booths, and a kid zone with inflatables.

Presented by Columbia Memorial Hospital

Grand Land Parade

Noon - 1 p.m.

This signature event kicks off with a U.S. Coast Guard flyover, followed by floats, bands and cars making their way along the parade route. Watch for the Regatta court, Grand Marshals, the Admiral, Admiral's Aide, and entries from local businesses and groups.

AWE Family Fest

3 - 4 p.m. Barbey Maritime Center

Learn about local artists, dance teachers, musicians, scientists, ecologists and more. Tables will have fun activities for kids of all ages.

Search and Rescue Demonstration

3 - 4 p.m.

Unless called into action for a true emergency, the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Columbia River will treat us to a search and rescue demonstration in the river off the 17th Street Pier.

Highwater Boat Parade

5 - 8 p.m. Astoria Riverwalk

This parade on the Columbia River features a variety of boats including service groups, the commercial industry, and sports crafts, just to name a few. Catch the Regatta Court on the Bar Pilot's boat leading the parade. You can view the parade from many restaurants on the water as well as docks along the riverfront.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Swim The Columbia

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Columbia River Maritime Museum

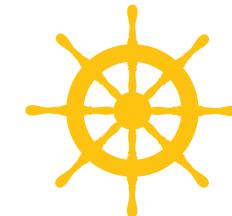
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Stay Dry Swim

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Columbia River Maritime Museum

Celebrate and make a splash — without getting wet — at this one-of-a-kind event. There will be prizes for best dressed, swag and refreshments, supporting the BuildCMH expansion project. Registration is \$35, no training is needed.



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GRAND LAND PARADE

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Grand Land Parade

Saturday, August 8 at Noon
Downtown Astoria

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2024 Regatta Admiral Charlene Larsen A true Astoria treasure

The Astoria Regatta Festival unfurls its sails once again, celebrating maritime heritage, community spirit, and outstanding individuals who have shaped the region.

This year, we have the privilege of celebrating Regatta Admiral Charlene Larsen as our distinguished dignitary — a native-born Astorian whose remarkable journey exemplifies resilience, service, and a passion for community, interwoven with the harmonious notes of the performing arts. Join us as we delve into the remarkable journey of this multifaceted leader.

Charlene's roots run deep in the coastal soil of Oregon. Raised in Seaside and Roseburg, she inherited the saltwater breeze and the rugged spirit of the Pacific Northwest. Her early work experiences at the Bob Shop and Kerwin Rexall Drug in Seaside shaped her work ethic and resilience. But it was her 37-year voyage with Pacific Power and Light Co. that truly set her course. From Seaside to Astoria, Rock Springs, Wyoming, and Portland, Charlene navigated the currents of corporate life. Yet her heart remained anchored to Clatsop County, where she later served with the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office.

Presently, she lends her expertise to the Oregon Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church's Disaster and Climate Resilience Team — a testament to her unwavering commitment to community well-being.

Awards and accolades

Charlene's dedication to service extends far beyond her professional career. She is a beacon of volunteerism, illuminating countless lives.

Her tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed. The PacifiCorp Spirit of Excellence Award and the George Award from the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce adorn her legacy. As a Lady Liberty recipient and a member of the Seaside High School Hall of Fame, she embodies the spirit of community leadership.

Organizations and impact

Charlene's fingerprints grace multiple organizations. She is a driving force behind the Assistance League of the Columbia-Pacific, the Astoria Lions Club, and Oregon Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters. A Ford Family Foundation Community Builder, she constructs bridges of compassion and resilience.

Within the hallowed halls of Peace First Lutheran Church, Charlene's leadership echoes like a hymn. She orchestrates harmony in the Business and Professional Women's circles, the Anchor Club, and the Astoria Regatta Association. Her passion for preserving the arts, however, crescendos in a place close to her heart — the Charlene Larsen Center for the Performing Arts.

Notes of music and family

Charlene's love for music resonates through her soul. She plucks the strings of her string bass with the North Coast Symphonic Band, the North Oregon Coast Symphony, and the Little Ballet Theatre Nutcracker Orchestra. The Friday Musical Club provides a stage for her melodic expressions.

Beyond the notes, Charlene shares her life's symphony with her husband, Ron. Together, they compose a family portrait with their son, daughter-in-law, and three cherished grandchildren.

Admiral Charlene Larsen embodies the spirit of Astoria — a musician, a volunteer, and a guardian of the arts.

As the festival's dignitary, she reminds us that leadership is not a solitary voyage; it's a collective symphony. So, when you see her at the Astoria Regatta, raise a toast to this remarkable woman who has weathered storms and composed a community — a true Astoria treasure.



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**ADMIRAL
Charlene Larsen**

Charlene Larsen is an Astorian who was raised in Seaside and Roseburg.

She began her adventures in work at the Bob Shop and Kerwin Rexall Drug in Seaside; Pacific Power and Light Co. for 37-plus years in Seaside, Astoria, Rock Springs, Wyoming, and Portland; and five years for Clatsop County and the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office in Astoria. Presently, she is with the Oregon Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church's Disaster and Climate Resilience Team.

Charlene has been a volunteer leader in multiple organizations, many of which have formally recognized her tireless service with awards.

She has been the recipient of the PacifiCorp Spirit of Excellence Award and the George Award from the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, is a Lady Liberty recipient and a member of the Seaside High School Hall of Fame.

Charlene is also a member of the Assistance League of the Columbia-Pacific, Astoria Lions Club, Oregon Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters and a Ford Family Foundation Community Builder.

She has served in many leadership roles at Peace First Lutheran Church, in Business and Professional Women, Anchor Club and the Astoria Regatta Association. Her work toward saving and preserving the Performing Arts Center led to the naming of the Charlene Larsen Center for the Performing Arts.

Volunteering and music are high on the list of interests for Charlene. She plays string bass with the North Coast Symphonic Band, the North Oregon Coast Symphony and the Little Ballet Theatre Nutcracker Orchestra. She is also a member of the Friday Musical Club.

Charlene is married to Ron and they have a son, daughter-in-law and three lovely grandchildren.



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**ADMIRAL'S AIDE
Constance
Waisanen**

A native of Minnesota, Constance Waisanen graduated from the University of California with a degree in chemical engineering.

Her first job brought her to the Wauna Mill in Clatskanie, Oregon where for 27 years she helped provide the world with toilet paper. She then took a leap of faith and completed her securities' licenses and has been a financial advisor with Thrivent Financial for 18 years.

Constance raised two sons in Knappa and is active in Astoria community service. She has served in the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, on the Board of Trustees of Columbia Memorial Hospital, in various roles as a member of Peace First Lutheran Church, as a member of the North Coast Chorale and a supporter of the Partners for the PAC. She is also a member of The Writer's Guild and Astoria Visual Arts.

Her interests include fiber art, music, reading and spending time outdoors, especially in her rural garden where she nurtures exotic plants.

She also loves to travel and has been a participant in six international Habitat for Humanity builds around the world. Her favorite activity is making mischief with her three grandchildren.

Constance is honored to represent Astoria as the Admiral's aide. "Astoria is the most amazing town in America. We have everything! Scenic beauty, great people who care about each other, an abundance of healthy food, and so many outdoor activities! I am blessed," she said.

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**GRAND MARSHAL
Sheriff
Matt Phillips**

Sheriff Matt Phillips, of the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office, grew up in Astoria.

After high school, Sheriff Phillips attended Oregon State University, pursuing civil and forestry engineering degrees. During the summers, he was a cadet and reserve deputy at the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office, working with the marine patrol unit.

After completing the Oregon Police Corps 20-week academy, he began working as a deputy sheriff in 2001.

In 2012 he was promoted to sergeant, taking responsibility for search and rescue, entry training, the marine patrol unit and overseeing the sniper and designated marksman program. Later, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and appointed to be the jail commander.

Sheriff Phillips ran for office and was elected in November 2020.

His education includes a bachelor of science from Oregon State University and a master's degree in criminal justice from Western Oregon University. Sheriff Phillips holds basic, intermediate, advanced, supervisory and executive certificates from the department of public safety standards and training.

Sheriff Phillips and his wife, Bree, have been married for 22 years and have a son, Jack, and daughter, Jane. Jack is a sophomore at Oregon State University and Jane is a freshman at Astoria High School.



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**PRESIDENT
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PRINCESS
ANAISE HOLEN

JUNIOR, ASTORIA HIGH SCHOOL

A junior at Astoria High School, Anaise Holen is involved with the school's Pizazz dance team. She finds joy and stress relief in dance, as well as in creating a supportive community at school.

Outside of school, Anaise enjoys traveling and exploring different cuisines, and likes strolling around town, visiting shops and walking along the Astoria Riverwalk.

Her other hobbies include baking, sewing and photography. As far as Regatta, she is "excited to go to events and connect more with the community."



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PRINCESS

JLYN CASCO

JUNIOR, SEASIDE HIGH SCHOOL

A junior at Seaside High School, Jlyn Casco appreciates how the supportive community of Seaside encourages personal growth and mutual assistance.

Jlyn is excited by the diverse opportunities offered at school and the chance to socialize and learn from others. She is engaged in the Future Business Leaders of America, serves as key club president, is involved in student government and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Outside of school, she enjoys traveling and watching movies with her large family. She is eagerly anticipating upcoming events and mentoring opportunities in store, especially the Portland Starlight Parade.



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PRINCESS

ROSALINDA LOPEZ NESTOR

JUNIOR, WARRENTON HIGH SCHOOL

As a junior at Warrenton High School, Rosalinda Lopez Nestor enjoys being a teacher's aide for kindergarten students, where she finds joy in watching the kids improve their reading and writing skills.

Outside of school, Rosalinda enjoys making clay figures, painting and spending time with family.

She also volunteers with Consejo Hispano, the Northwest Regional Education Service District and El Centro CW.

In the community, she cherishes local landmarks, beaches and historical sites. One of her favorite Regatta events is the Fourth of July parade, as she has fond childhood memories of the event.



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QUEEN
JASMINE SCHERMERHORN
SENIOR, SEASIDE HIGH SCHOOL

As a senior at Seaside High School, Jasmine Schermerhorn loves English class. It's her favorite part of school because she enjoys the learning environment, has a wonderful teacher and appreciates her friends.

Jasmine plays for the Seaside girls soccer team and loves the sport. She is also an active member of the National Honor Society, key club and Associated Student Body co-president.

When it comes to activities outside of school, she loves spending time with her family. They enjoy hosting game nights, walking dogs, traveling and going camping together.

Jasmine also loves writing and reading, as well as spending time outdoors hiking or going to the beach. She finds the strong sense of community in Seaside enriching, especially its willingness to support students at athletic events like football, basketball and soccer.

She looks forward to personal growth and community involvement, and is especially excited about the Regatta's involvement in the Navy Dinner and the Portland Starlight Parade.

Past Queen's Farewell

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 7

Liberty Theatre McTavish Room

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2024 COMMEMORATIVE PIN

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An annual tradition. Pins are \$10 each. Pin purchases support programming and help the Astoria Regatta Association continue to provide the events surrounding the Astoria Regatta Festival. Pin holders also receive discounts and specials at some retailers, and reduced admission to ticketed Regatta events.

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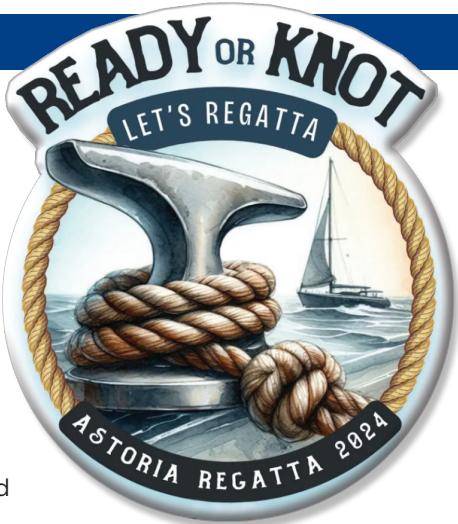
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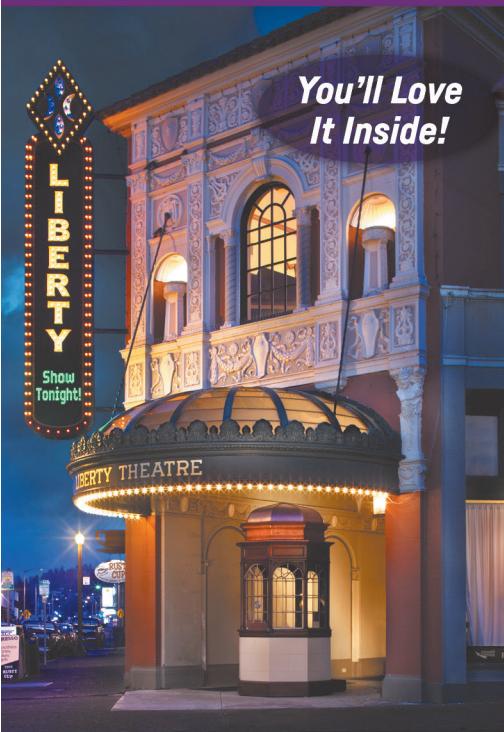
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Queen's Farewell: Wednesday, August 7, 5:30 pm
Queen's Coronation: Wednesday, August 7, 7:00 pm

Columbia River Symphony

Saturday, August 10, 7:00 pm / Free

Liberty Theatre Block Party

Saturday, August 17, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Enjoy the sunshine with Mexican cuisine, a vibrant beer garden, live music and children's entertainment. Adults \$5.

North Coast Comedy Night

Friday, August 23, 8:00 pm / \$10

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Sunday, September 1, 7:30 pm

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Saturday, September 14, 5:00 pm

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SWIM ACROSS THE COLUMBIA



It has been 90 years, this year, the Astoria Regatta is bringing back Swim Across the Columbia.

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But make no mistake — the Columbia River swim is no walk in the park. It's a thrilling challenge, even for experts. Coaches and guides will be on-hand during each open water swim to ensure safety and provide assistance as needed.

For those who want to participate out of the water, the Stay Dry Swim will also take place on Sunday morning to close out the weekend. See page 14 for details.



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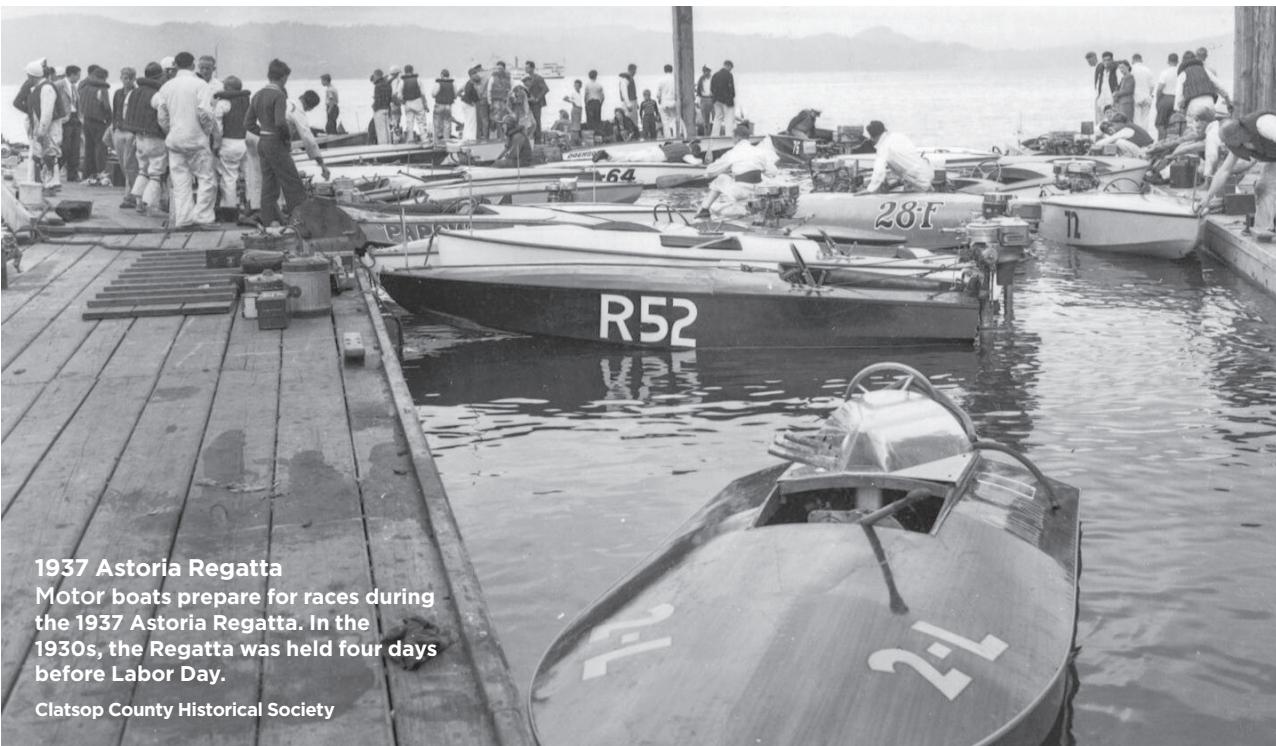
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REGATTA HISTORY



1937 Astoria Regatta

Motor boats prepare for races during the 1937 Astoria Regatta. In the 1930s, the Regatta was held four days before Labor Day.

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The Astoria Regatta started in 1894. This time-honored family tradition is the oldest celebration in Astoria, and one of the oldest festivals west of the Rockies.

What began as a casual remark between two Astorians soon became a way for the community to celebrate the return of Astoria fishermen from Alaska aboard boats filled with salted fish. This community celebration quickly blossomed into the one of the premier boat races on the West Coast.

In 1894, Astoria was a cultural hodgepodge comprised of Native Americans, Scandinavians, Chinese and the usual polyglot of American/Europeans. Early pictures of Regatta show elaborate festivities in a thriving downtown built over the river on wooden piers. Like today, the early Regattas included a boat parade and a land parade.

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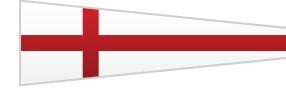
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Code and answering pennant



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Regatta fun Can you decipher this message using the nautical signal flag information above?



Coded flags signify each letter of the alphabet, as well as 10 numeral pennants and a few repeater flags. Ships can send different messages to each other depending on the flags' design or placement alongside other pennants.

In the days before radio or other electronic communication, sailors used a code of brightly colored flags to communicate with each other from afar.

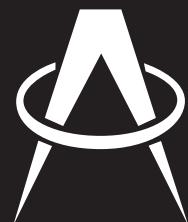
For many years, different parts of the world had their own unique set of signal flags, making it nearly impossible for ships from different countries to communicate. In 1855, the International Code of Signals was developed to allow ships whose crews spoke a variety of languages to send messages to one another.

Each flag is intentionally designed with a set of colors that can be easily seen at sea. Signal flag codes are created in red, blue, yellow, black and white. They typically have stark contrasts when colors are placed alongside each other on the same pennant.

Using solely visual communication had its benefits, as it was a silent form of communication and could also be kept flying in the air for long periods of time.

At the same time, these images could only travel so far over long distances. Radio and satellite technologies have made long-distance communication possible in a way that signal flags were never able to achieve.

When these technologies began to replace signal flags, sailors began using them to decorate their ships for special occasions and holidays. International signal flags can sometimes still be seen in high traffic shipping lanes. Their designs remain a vibrant part of maritime culture.



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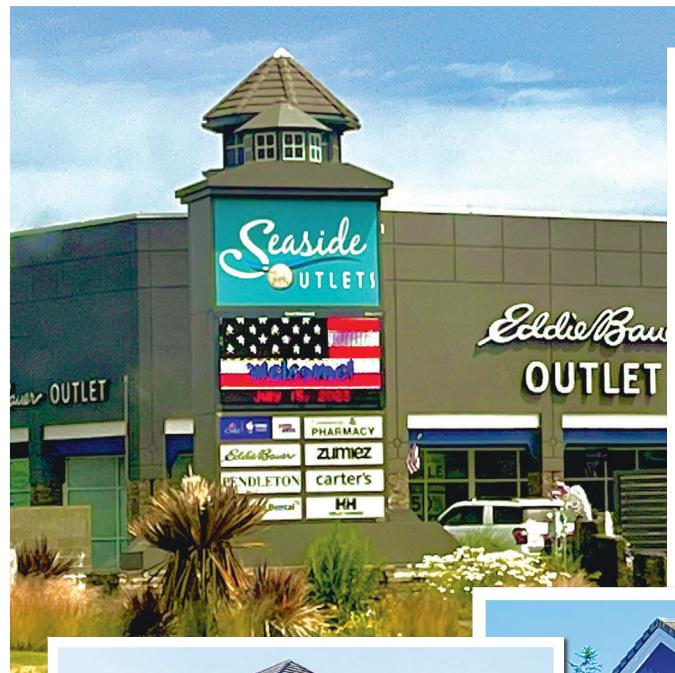
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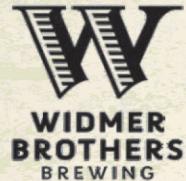
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